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SUBJECT: AZOREAN SITUATION

SITREP 9

1. CHIEF OF POLICE, ARMY MAJOR MONIZ, IN NAME OF MILITARY GOVERNOR PINTO DE MAGALHAES, HAS REQUESTED THAT CONSULATE EMPLOYEE VICTOR CRUZ BE AVAILABLE TO MAKE PUBLIC APPEALS FOR CALMNESS AND ORDER. MONIZ WANTS TO USE CRUZ OVER THE RADIO, AND IN PERSON WHEN SITUATION APPEARS TENSE. CRUZ WAS FORMERLY RADIO ANNOUNCER, POPULAR, AND ONE OF ORIGINAL MAPA ACTIVISTS. CRUZ WILLING TO HELP. I HAVE GIVEN CRUZ PERMISSION TO MAKE APPEALS.

2. MONIZ TOLD ME THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INCIDENTS WHERE COMMUNISTS BEATEN UP. HE IS CONCERNED THAT IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS AMONG SEPARATISTS MIGHT TAKE OTHER ACTION AGAINST LEFTISTS. HE IS ALSO WORRIED THAT HOT-HEADS IN CROWDS MIGHT PROVOKE CONFRONTATION WITH ARMED SOLDIERS GUARDING RADIO STATION AND OTHER KEY SPOTS. HE WANTS TO AVOID BLOODSHED AT ALL COSTS.

3. MONIZ INFORMED ME THAT MILITARY GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED
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COMMISSION TO DEFEND PUBLIC ORDER OF ISLAND. COMMISSION

MEMBERS INCLUDE MONIZ, LTC MIRANDA, COMMANDER OF 18TH ARMY
BATTALION, AND CMDR RIU DE CASTRO, NAVY COMMAND CHIEF
OF STAFF.
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